

**FY 2019 CONGRESSIONAL HEARING  
“USE” OF SCIENCE IN THE AGENCY**

**Question:** The Congressman also may ask about the new reports coming out about the “use” of science in the agency. This is not an attack, but more of a chance for the Administrator to set the record straight of why this moved happen.

**Answer:**

- On April 24, I signed a proposed rule to strengthen the science used in regulations issued by EPA. The rule will ensure that the regulatory science underlying Agency actions is fully transparent, and that underlying scientific information is publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent validation.
- This rule puts an end to the era of secret science at EPA.
- The ability to test, authenticate, and reproduce scientific findings is vital for the integrity of rulemaking process.
- Americans deserve to assess the legitimacy of the science underpinning EPA decisions that may impact their lives.
- The proposed rule is consistent with President Trump’s executive orders on regulatory reform and energy independence, data access requirements for major scientific journals, and EPA’s own internal guidelines for promoting sound science that have not always been followed in the past.